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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the restriction requirement mailed on September 10, 2002. Applicants request that the application be amended as indicated below and that the Examiner consider the subsequent remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 51.

REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction to one of two groups of claims. Applicants hereby elect Group II, Claims 1-50, without traverse. Claim 51 has been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims to the subject matter of Claim 51 in a continuing application.

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